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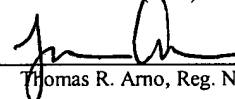
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Negulescu et al.
Appl. No. : 10/815,176
Filed : March 31, 2004
For : MULTIWELL PLATE
ASSEMBLY FOR USE IN HIGH
THROUGHPUT ASSAYS
Examiner : A. J. Pagans
Group Art Unit : 1651

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 10, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group I , consisting of Claims 1-17, drawn to a multiwell plate assembly comprising a first tray of sample wells and a second tray of sample wells coupled to form a plurality of assay chambers, each chamber having a first compartment, a second compartment and at least one cell layer separating the two chambers, classified in class 235, subclass 288.4. This election is made without traverse.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant submits that the above election of Group I, now places the application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

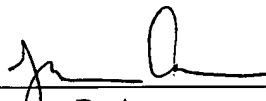
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